(c) the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government so far towards rehabilitation and reconstruction in 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(d) the details of the rehabilitation and reconstruction work undertaken as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa had set up the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the sector affected by the Super Cyclone of October, 1999. The Authority is taking up necessary rehabilitation and reconstruction measures.

(c) and (d) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1999-2000 amounting of Rs. 42.50 crore to Orissa, assistance of Rs. 828.15 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) was released to the State in the wake of floods and cyclones. The Authority is taking up rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in various sectors which include Agriculture, Power, Rural Development, Water Resources, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Public Works, Education, Health, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development, Industries and Women & Child Development.

Restriction on movement of foodgrains

1407. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite free movement of agro produce envisaged by National Agriculture Policy, there is no free movement of foodgrains in the country and many a States have imposed restrictions in this regard and in other States the movement is restricted even from one district to another;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure free

movement of agro produce throughout the country which would immensely help the farming community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) In March, 1993, the Central Government decided to treat the entire country as a single food zone for inter-State and intra-State movement of foodgrains and advised the State/Union Territory Administrations to take action accordingly. Most of the States have removed restrictions imposed on movement of foodgrains through Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. However, a few States, such as, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir still have some restrictions on movement of foodgrains.

(c) The issue of removal of all restrictions on movement of agricultural produce including foodgrains has been referred to the Standing Committee of Union Ministers and Chief Ministers on Food Management and Agricultural Produce constituted in the Conference of Chief Ministers held on 21st May, 2001.

Pharmaceutical Policy

1408. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when Government are going to bring before Parliament the Pharmaceutical Policy, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the proposals is to give full exemption in I.T. for royalty receipts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps the Ministry is taking on the quality front?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) A Committee, namely, the Drug Price Control Review Committee was set up to review, the present price